

SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY

September 10, 2007

The School Budget Review Committee met in regular session on Monday, September 10, 2007, with the following members present: Director Judy A. Jeffrey, Department of Education, Chair; Director Charles Krogmeier, Department of Management, Secretary; and committee members Jane Babcock, Don Hansen, and Lee Tack.

- 1. Approval of Previous Decisions.** Approved the decisions of the May 14, 2007, meeting of the School Budget Review Committee.
- 2. Urbandale Community School District.** Approved modified allowable growth for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$859,603 for costs associated with initial staffing of a facility approved by the voters.
- 3. Cash Reserve Levy Limit List.** The Committee reviewed the list of districts that were reduced for cash reserve levies pursuant to Iowa Administrative Code (Rules). This was an informational item and did not require action by the Committee.
- 4. Phase II Fiscal Review Visit Update.** The Committee received an update on new legislation that gave the Committee authority to recommend to the State Board of Education that the Department of Education send an accreditation team to a district for an on-site fiscal review in conjunction with a Phase II accreditation visit if that school district exceeds its budget authority (negative unspent balance) for two or more consecutive years. This was an informational item and did not require action by the Committee.
- 5. Russell Community School District.** Denied modified allowable growth for the 2007-2008 school year in the amount of \$150,000 for a negative unspent balance and recommended to the State Board of Education that the Department of Education send an accreditation team to the district for an on-site fiscal review in conjunction with a Phase II accreditation visit.